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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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International application No. PCT/EP2004/000104	International filing date (day/month/year) 09/01/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 24/01/2003
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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6. With regards to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 2c

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The present invention generally relates to the field of noise reduction systems which are equipped with an audio-visual user interface, in particular to an audio-visual speech activity recognition system (200b/c) of a video-enabled telecommunication device which runs a real-time lip tracking application that can advantageously be used for a near-speaker detection algorithm in an environment where a speaker's voice is interfered by a statistically distributed background noise ($n'(t)$) including both environmental noise ($n(t)$) and surrounding person's voices

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G10L21/02 G10L11/02 G10L15/24

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, INSPEC

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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